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Docket No. 47440-042000

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In re U.S. Patent Application of:

Tunney, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/901,250

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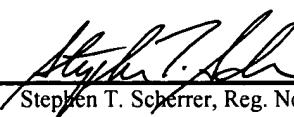
For: **A Method of Cleaning
Pressurized Containers
Containing Chlorine Gas or
Sulfur Dioxide Gas**

Examiner: S. Chaudhry

Art Unit: 1746

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In accordance with 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the patent application filed herewith. A copy of each reference cited is enclosed herein.

Applicants submit that this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before the mailing date of either a final action or a notice of allowance and is being submitted with the fee set forth by 37 CFR §1.17(p). Therefore, Applicants submit that no certification is necessary for consideration of these references.

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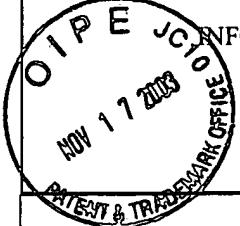
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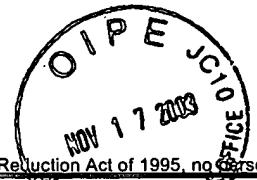


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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
*Exam. Initial		Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date If Appropriate
	AA	4,523,854	Jun. 18, 1985	Beckley			
	AB	5,002,101	Mar. 26, 1991	McLeod			
	AC	5,439,020	Aug. 8, 1995	Lockhart			
	AD	5,588,637	Dec. 31, 1996	Carsten, et al.			
	AE	5,947,141	Sep. 7, 1999	Nuss			
	AF	6,163,914	Dec. 26, 2000	Martin			
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
		Document No.	Date	Country	Class	Subclass	Translation
	AG	0 552 750 B1	Apr. 10, 1996	European Patent			Yes
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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1001 770	2001 385	Utility filing fee	
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

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1204 86	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
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1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 420	2252 210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 950	2253 475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,480	2254 740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,010	2255 1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 330	2401 165	Notice of Appeal	
1402 330	2402 165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 290	2403 145	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,330	2453 665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,330	2501 665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
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